

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is responsive to the Action dated May 30, 2003.

Applicant has provided a new Abstract to overcome the Examiner's objection to the previous Abstract.

Claims 1 and 8-10 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Kime, et al. The Examiner indicates that claims 2-7 contain allowable subject matter, but are dependent upon a rejected-based claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previous claim 2 and is believed to be allowable. The remaining dependencies of claims 3-7 have been adjusted accordingly. Claim 8 also has been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Accordingly, claim 8 is believed to be allowable. Claim 9 depends from claim 8 and is thus also allowable.

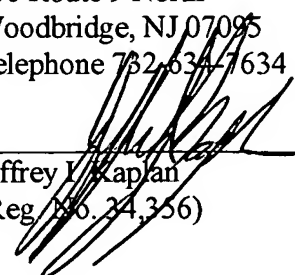
Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitation that there is alternate activation of each pre-amplifier while the other pre-amplifier is deactivated. At page 3 of the Action, the Examiner indicates that this limitation is not disclosed in the prior art of record in the context claimed.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is authorized to deduct any fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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